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SUBJECT: 15TH PAN AMERICAN CHILDREN'S CONGRESS - JUNE 6-11,
1977 - STATUS OF PREPARATIONS - INTER-AMERICAN
CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE (IACI)

1. THE 15TH CHILD CONGRESS, CONVOKED UNDER JOINT AUSPICES
OF OAS AND IACI, IS A SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE OF THE OAS
AND TAKES ON ADDED IMPORTANCE BY BEING HELD ON THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE INSTITUTE. IN COLLABORA-
TION WITH HEW DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
DIRECTING COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT IS ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS
FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION. FOR INFORMATION OF THE EMBASSY
AND NOT FOR ACTION AT THIS TIME, A DELEGATION 4-6 PERSONS
IS UNDER CONSIDERATION HEADED BY A RANKING HEW OFFICIAL.
TO ENABLE DEPARTMENT AND HEW TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON U.S.
PREPARATIONS WHERE IT IS NEEDED, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED
TO CONSULT DR. RAFAEL SAJON, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
INSTITUTE AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE AND TO CABLE ANSWERES TO
THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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2. IS THERE ANY NEED FOR A U.S. NATIONAL REPORT, A DOCUMENT
WHICH TRADITIONALLY DESCRIBES PROGRESS MADE AND PROBLEMS

ENCOUNTERED BY THE USG IN THE FIELDS OF INTEREST DENOTED
BY AGENDA? QUESTION ARISES BECAUSE IN REVISING THE RULES
OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONGRESS, THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL

ELIMINATED THE REQUIREMENT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS. WE WISH TO BE SURE THEY ARE NOT EXPECTED NEVERTHELESS. ARE OTHER COUNTRIES SENDING NATIONAL REPORTS?

3. ARE OTHER U.S. DELEGATION CONTRIBUTIONS (TECHNICAL PAPERS) RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS EXPECTED? WOULD THE U.S. BE IN A SMALL MINORITY IF U.S. DELEGATION DID NOT SUBMIT SUCH REPORTS?

4. MUST U.S. PAPERS BE IN SPANISH, OR WILL TRANSLATION BE PROVIDED SO THAT SPANISH CAN BE AVAILABLE WITH THE MINIMUM OF DELAY?

5. WILL ADEQUATE PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETATION INTO ENGLISH BE PROVIDED? (FYI ONLY: DR. SAJON A FEW WEEKS AGO ASKED

THE OAS FOR ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING BECAUSE BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH OTHER MAJOR MEETINGS. OAS SECRETARIAT ADVISES THAT HE MAY THEREFORE RESORT TO NON-PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETERS.)

6. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE WHEN THE IACI WILL

DISTRIBUTE WORKING PAPERS FOR THE 15TH CONGRESS AND THE IACI DIRECTING COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 1-4, 1977.

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